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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the attached one page Abstract at the end of the document (one page abstract attached).

Changes to the specification are as follows.

Please make the following changes on page 1:

Please delete the reference prior to paragraph [0001] as shown below:

Specification

Prior to paragraph [0001] please add the following titles:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Technical Field

Prior to paragraph [0002] please add the following title:

2. Related Art

Please make the following changes to page 2:

Prior to paragraph [0005] please insert the title:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the below amended paragraph:

[0005] ~~The object of the invention is that a~~ A cylinder head gasket species is to be improved further with the effect that it also insertable for permanent sealing of differences in height to each other exhibited by components sealed against each other, and particularly is exclusively elastic in the power shunt and is not plastically deformable.

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Please make the following changes to page 3:

Please delete paragraph [0007].

~~—— [0007] Important improvements of the subject matter of the invention are cited in the dependent claims.~~

Please make the following changes to page 4:

Prior to paragraph [00013] please add the title:

THE DRAWINGS

Please replace paragraphs [00013] through [00017] with the following amended paragraphs:

[00013] The subject matter of the invention is exemplified by means of a practical embodiments as shown in the drawings, wherein: ~~and is described as follows. It shows:~~

[00014] Figure 1 is a ~~[[P]]~~ principal outline of a possible construction form of an internal combustion engine;

[00015] Figure 2 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of a cylinder gasket head for the sealing of the principle construction form shown in figure 1;

[00016] Figure 3 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of the cylinder gasket head according to figure 2 in the engine block – chain housing region;

[00017] Figure 4 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of the additional gasket region according to figure 3 in the top view on one side and in various sections on other side;

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Please make the following changes to page 5:

Please replace paragraphs [00018] through [00023] with the following replacement paragraphs:

[00018] Figure 5 shows an ~~[[A]]~~ additional sealing region shaped alternatively to figure 4;

[00019] Figure 6 shows still ~~[[A]]~~ another alternative to figures 4 and 5;

[00020] Figure 7 is a ~~[[T]]~~ top view at an additional gasket region without sealing element;

[00021] Figure 8 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of the functional position according to figure 7;

[00022] Figure 9 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of the distance position according to figure 7; and

[00023] Figure 10 is a ~~[[P]]~~ partial view of the cylinder gasket head according to figure 2 in built-in condition, top view on one side and in various sections on the other side.

Prior to paragraph [00024] please insert the title:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please make the following changes to page 8:

head not shown further here against the cylinder block 3 and chain housing 4 is compressed and

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avoids elasticity in the circumambient free space 9 (~~reference signs are recognizable in the drawing details~~).